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SUBJECT: MORNING PRESS SUMMARY, THURSDAY 6/16

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WASHINGTON POST

PAGE 20 STORY. HEADLINE: "BRAZIL CALLS RIGHTS DRIVE A
CLOAK FOR OTHER GOALS"

KAREN DE YOUNG FROM ST. GEORGE'S

LEAD: "BRAZIL TODAY DELIVERED A LENGTHY OFFICIAL BLAST AT
'SENSATIONALISM' AND 'POLITICIZATION' OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE IN A SPEECH OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT THE UNITED STATES AND
ITS SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF ACCUSED RIGHTS
VIOLATORS."

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OTHER POINTS:

--WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES, BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DA
SILVEIRA TOLD A CLOSED SESSION THAT THE ISSUE WAS BEING USED
FOR "ACHIEVING ENDS OTHER THAN THE INTRINSIC PROTECTION OF
THE RIGHTS OF MAN."

-- VANCE SAID THAT NEW CANAL TREATY MAY BE REACHED "BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER."

-- BOTH VANCE AND REVILLA "DESCRIBED DIFFICULT ECONOMIC ISSUES STILL REMAINING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

-- OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS CONCENTRATED ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- SILVEIRA SPOKE OF "PSEUDOINVESTIGATORY PREOCCUPATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS' AND WARNED THAT 'INQUISITORIAL' ATTITUDES CAN 'DEGENERATE INTO ATTITUDES OF PURE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.'"

-- VANCE AND SILVEIRA RESTATED STRONG STANDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE ACCORDING TO STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH VANCE.

-- VANCE'S SPEECH PROVOKED ENORMOUS RESPONSE FROM FORN MINS ENDORSING OR OPPOSING THE U.S. VIEW.

-- A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION SAID HIS COUNTRY HAS NO CONFIDENCE IN CARTER, BELIEVING THAT HE IS TOO FAR TO LEFT IN DEALINGS WITH USSR.

-- ARGENTINA DOES NOT INTEND TO WEAKEN INTERNAL SECURITY BY BOWING TO CARTER DEMANDS.

-- SILVEIRA'S CRITICISM ECHOES STANDS BY ARGENTINA
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AND CHILE. ACCORDING TO A U.S. OFFICIAL, VANCE AND CARVAHAL SPOKE ONLY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH CARVAHAL REPEATING POINT ABOUT MARXIST-LENINIST CONSPIRACY JUSTIFYING POLICY.

-- U.S. OFFICIAL ALSO SAID SOME LATINS ACCUSE WASHINGTON OF NOT UNDERSTANDING SITUATION. DIPLOMATS SAY LATINS RETAIN COLD WAR ATTITUDE AND NOW FEEL DESERTED BY CARTER.

-- VANCE'S BILATERALS INTENDED FOR "SOUNDINGS" FOR POSSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION.

REUTERS

ROY GUTMAN FROM ST GEORGES

LEAD: "U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE'S CALL FOR A DEEP HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT IN THIS HEMISPHERE HAS PROVOKED AN OPEN DIVISION AT THE 25NATION ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) MEETING HERE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- U.S. OFFICIALS SAID DEBATE DEMONSTRATED U.S. DETERMINATION TO PURSUE ISSUE.

-- HODDING CARTER SAID "HIGHPROFILE" APPROACH NECESSARY "TO REMOVE ANY LINGERING SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE DEPTH OF OUR COMMITMENT ON THIS ISSUE."

-- SILVIERA RESPONDED BY SAYING ISSUE WAS BEING SENSATIONALIZED FOR REASONS OTHER THAN PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- OTHER RIGHTWING MILITARY GOVERNMENTS ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND CHILE JOINED THE COUNTEROFFENSIVE.

-- OTHERS FEEL US MUST MAKE POSITION CLEAR DURING CONFERENCE
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IF POLICY IS TO HAVE ANY LONGTERM EFFECT.

-- ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION WAS MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN VANCE AND SILVIERA.

-- ENTIRE CONVERSATION BETWEEN VANCE AND CARVAJAL WAS DEVOTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT GAP IN POSITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN NARROWED, OFFICIALS SAID.

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JUAN WALTE FROM GRAND ANSE, GRENADA

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, CITING "GOOD PROGRESS" IN THE PANAMA CANAL TALKS, SAYS THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA MAY NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON A NEW TREATY THIS SUMMER."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT A NEW AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED THIS YEAR, "PERHAPS BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER."

-- VANCE AND GONZALEZ SAID "GOOD PROGRESS" HAD BEEN MADE IN TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

-- THE CONFERENCE CENTERED ON EXPLANATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES.

-- VANCE WARNED U.S. AID TO LATIN AMERICA MAY BE CUT UNLESS SITUATION IMPROVES IN THE REGION, STRESSING THAT THE

ADMINISTRATION DISAGREED WITH OPINION THAT POLITICAL
TERRORISM LAY AT THE ROOT OF MOST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

-- REBUKES SPARKED NO MAJOR CONFRONTATION AT SUMMIT, WHICH
U.S. OFFICIALS TRAVELLING WITH HIM SAY VANCE HAS TRIED TO
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-- OFFICIALS SAID VANCE'S AIM HAD BEEN TO EXPLAIN CARTER'S
HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY SO THERE WOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING
ON HOW IT APPLIES TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. "THEY SAID
THAT IF AFTER THEIR MEETINGS WITH VANCE THE LATIN AMERICANS
CLAIM THEY ARE NOT SURE ABOUT THE CARTER HUMAN RIGHTS
STANDS, THEY EITHER DID NOT LISTEN OR DID NOT WANT TO
LISTEN."

BALTIMORE SUN

PAGE 2 STORY. HEADLINE: "BRAZIL SAYS U.S. IS
POLITICKING ON HUMAN RIGHTS"

HENRY TREWHITT FROM ST. GEORGES

LEAD: BRAZIL ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF PLAYING
POLITICS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS YESTERDAY AS BRAZIL AND
CHILE CHALLENGED PRESIDENT CARTER'S CAMPAIGN IN
BEHALF OF POLITICAL DISSIDENTS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- WHILE NOT MENTIONING U.S. BY NAME, SILVEIRA
DESCRIBED IT "LAMENTABLE" THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE
BEING SENSATIONALIZED FOR POLITICAL ENDS.

-- CARVAJAL STATED U.S. SHOULD BE MORE WORRIED
ABOUT COMMUNISM SINCE COMMUNIST TERROR WAS CAUSE OF
PRACTICES U.S. DEPLORED.

-- SILVEIRA'S AND CARVAJAL THEME OF COMMUNIST
TERROR JUSTIFYING SUPPRESSION ECHOED BY FORN MINS OF
URUGUAY, ARGENTINA AND NICARAGUA.

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-- U.S. DELEGATION BECAME A TARGET AS THEY CONTINUE

TO FORCE ISSUE INTO FOREFRONT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

-- REJECTING ARGUMENTS OF ENDS JUSTIFYING MEANS,
VANCE
SAID SUBVERSION OF LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY MUST BE
COMBATTED BY CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS.

-- IN SPITE OF SHARP EXCHANGES, U.S. AND BRAZIL
REAFFIRMED CONSULTATIVE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT LAST
YEAR BY KISSINGER WHICH RECOGNIZES BRAZIL AS A
POTENTIAL SUPERPOWER.

-- VANCE INDICATED HE WOULD VISIT BRAZIL NEXT FALL.

-- HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE OVERSHADOWED AMERICAN-
PANAMANIAN REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF NEW PANAMA CANAL
TREATY.

--SEPARATE BUT SIMILAR REPORTS FROM TWO GOVERNMENTS
PRESENTED TO OAS RECORDED PROGRESS WHILE EMPHASIZING
DIFFERENCES YET TO BE SETTLED.

-- VANCE SAID U.S. HOPED TO REACH AN AGREEMENT
BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER (LATER THAN HE HAD EXPECTED).
HE ADDED THAT DISCUSSIONS NOW FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC
ISSUES.

-- PANAMA'S REPORT MORE OPTIMISTIC IN SPEAKING OF
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES.

-- DIFFERENCES OVER ULTIMATE DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITY
AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS REMAIN. VANCE SAID AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE ON THESE ISSUES MUST BE MADE BEFORE
DRAFTING OF TREATY BEGINS.

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CBS RADIO

DAVID DOW ON WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

BEGIN TEXT:

"SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TODAY WINDS UP A MARATHON
SERIES OF PRIVATE MEETINGS DEVOTED HEAVILY TO
HUMAN RIGHTS, THEN HEADS FOR NEARBY TRINIDAD FOR
AN OVERNIGHT VISIT SEEN AS A SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THAT
NATION'S DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS. BY THE TIME HE
LEAVES GRENADA THIS AFTERNOON, VANCE WILL HAVE MET
INDIVIDUALLY WITH DELEGATES OF VIRTUALLY ALL TWENTY-

FIVE MEMBER-NATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. HE HAS SOUGHT TO UNDERLINE THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. AS EXPECTED, HE'S MET CRITICISM FROM A NUMBER OF MILITARY GOVERNMENTS WHO INSIST ON LINKING THE ISSUE TO THE NEED FOR FORCEFUL MEASURES TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

THE U.S. POLICY HAS ALSO RALLIED SOME ALLIES -- TINY BARBADOS, FOR ONE, WHOSE FOREIGN MINISTER HENRY FORD SAID THE RECORD OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS HEMISPHERE HAS BEEN AS HE PUT IT, "AWFUL." YESTERDAY'S OAS SESSION ALSO PRODUCED OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS FROM PANAMA SAYING NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY HAD REACHED A DECISIVE STAGE, AND FROM THE U.S. SAYING IT HOPED FOR AGREEMENT BY THE END OF SUMMER.

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